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UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-36-07

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**IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473**

and

**British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro")
2007 Rate Design Application**

BEFORE: A.J. Pullman, Panel Chair
R.J. Milbourne, Commissioner March 23, 2007
L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. BC Hydro filed on March 15, 2007, pursuant to the Utilities Commission Act and Commission Order No. G-148-06, an Application ("Application") to update BC Hydro's rates and terms and conditions of service; and
- B. The Commission Panel has reviewed the Application and has determined that a Preliminary Regulatory Timetable should be established and a Procedural Conference held on Friday, May 4, 2007 to determine the method and timing for further review of the Application.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. Intervenor and Interested Party registration, an initial round of Information Requests from the Commission and Intervenors, and responses to Information Requests by BC Hydro will occur according to the attached Preliminary Regulatory Timetable.
- 2. A Procedural Conference will be held on Friday, May 4, 2007 commencing at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room on the 12th Floor at 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

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3. BC Hydro will publish, as soon as possible, in display-ad format, the Notice of Procedural Conference attached as Appendix A to this Order, in such appropriate local news publications as may properly provide adequate notice to the public in its service areas.
4. The Application and any supporting materials will be made available for inspection at BC Hydro's Head Office in Vancouver and at the Commission's Office.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of March 2007.

BY ORDER

Original signed by

Anthony J. Pullman
Panel Chair

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Preliminary Regulatory Timetable

Action	Date (2007)
BCUC Information Request No. 1	Thursday, April 5, 2007
Intervenor and Interested Party Registration	Thursday, April 5, 2007
Intervenor Information Request No. 1	Wednesday, April 11, 2007
BC Hydro Responses	Monday, April 30, 2007
Procedural Conference 12 th Floor Hearing Room 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.	Friday, May 4, 2007 1:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority 2007 Rate Design Application

Date: Friday, May 4, 2007
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Commission Hearing Room
12th Floor
1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

THE APPLICATION

On March 15, 2007 British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") filed its 2007 Rate Design Application (the "Application") with the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission"). BC Hydro states that the principal focus of the Application is to ensure that its rates and terms and conditions of service are fair, efficient and simple and defines these objectives as follows:

- **Fair** means that each customer class bears a fair share of the costs caused by that class to the extent practicable. BC Hydro is proposing to rebalance the rates of three customer classes so that the rates more closely reflect the costs caused by customers in those rates classes;
- **Efficient** means rates that provide efficient price signals at the margin, including price signals that encourage energy conservation and load management to the extent practicable. BC Hydro is proposing to restructure the rate for large general service customers and to phase out the E-Plus rates over time in order to provide better price signals to those customers; and
- **Simple** means rates and Terms and Conditions that are clear, transparent and cost-effective to implement. BC Hydro is proposing to revise its Terms and Conditions, to eliminate ten rate schedules and to simplify the calculation of the Extension Fee for new customers.

BC Hydro is also proposing to update its Standard Charges to reflect current costs.

THE REGULATORY PROCESS

The Commission will hold a Procedural Conference in Vancouver on Friday, May 4, 2007 to discuss procedural matters related to the Application.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The 2007 Rate Design Application is available for inspection at the following locations:

BC Hydro Head Office 333 Dunsmuir Street Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5R4 Telephone: (604) 623-4046	BC Utilities Commission Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3 Telephone: (604) 660-4700
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The Application is also available for viewing on the following web sites:

<http://www.bchydro.com>

<http://www.bcuc.com>

REGISTERING TO PARTICIPATE

Persons who expect to actively participate in the review process or processes and Procedural Conference should register as Intervenors with the Commission. Intervenors will receive copies of the Application, all correspondence and filed documents. Persons not expecting to actively participate should register with the Commission as Interested Parties and will receive a copy of the Application Summary, all Orders issued, as well as the Commission Decision.

Intervenors and Interested Parties should inform the Commission Secretary, in writing, by Thursday, April 5, 2007 of their intention to become Intervenors or Interested Parties with respect to the Application, and their intention to attend the Procedural Conference.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, as follows.

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